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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Angela J. Martin

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 November 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 5-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 5-8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No.: _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

This Office Action is responsive to the Amendment filed on November 3, 2006.

The Applicant has amended claim 5. However, Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, this action is made final.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

2. Claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

3. Regarding claim 5, the phrase "being selectively inserted into the interior" renders the claim indefinite because it is unclear what this statement encompasses. In addition, this phrase is a product-by-process claim. "[E]ven though product-by-process claims are limited by and defined by the process, determination of patentability is based on the product itself. The patentability of a product does not depend on its method of production. If the product in the product-by-process claim is the same as or obvious from a product of the prior art, the claim is unpatentable even though the prior product was made by a different process." *In re Thorpe*, 777 F.2d 695, 698, 227 USPQ 964, 966 (Fed. Cir. 1985).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 5-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Norman, U.S. Pat. No. 4,033,664.

Norman teaches a battery case comprising a terminal hole in a peripheral wall (abstract), a flange located on interior surface of wall (col. 3, lines 28-30), and a contact member having a cylindrical mounting portion inserted through the terminal hole and having a first end riveted to an outer surface of the wall (col. 1, lines 20-22); a contact portion connected to a second end of the cylindrical mounting portion and engaging a positive terminal, the contact portion located on the flange (col. 1, lines 25-51); and a connecting portion connecting the contact to an electric wire, the connecting portion extending outwardly from the contact portion along a side of the flange supporting the connecting portion, the connecting portion spaced apart from a casing of the battery (col. 2, lines 6-10), wherein cylindrical mounting portion, contact portion, and connecting portion engage battery case (col. 3, lines 25-35). It teaches the side surface of the flange is a sloping surface (Fig. 1, #7). It teaches the flange has a circular shape (Fig. 1, #7). It teaches the cylindrical mounting portion is hollow (Fig. 1).

Thus the claims are anticipated.

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments filed 11/03/06 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant argues that the prior art of record does not comprise a case, however, Norman et al., does teach a "housing" which functions as a case. Applicant argues that Norman does not teach a terminal hole and contact member located through peripheral wall of case; however, in Fig. 1 and 2, ref. 8, illustrates a hole through which the terminal cable inserts. Applicant argues that Norman does not teach a flange on interior surface of interior wall of case; however, in Fig. 3, ref. 16 is a "lip" which is equivalent to a flange. Applicant argues that Norman does not teach cylindrical mounting portion, contact and connecting portion engaging case; however, Fig. 2 and 3, illustrate this disclosure. In addition, by observing the prior art (Fig. 1 and 2) of the application, it appears that the claim limitations read on the prior art.

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Dougherty et al., U.S. Pat. No. 4,775,604, teach an apparatus for sealing a battery terminal post. Hayama et al., U.S. Pat. No. 6,255,778 B1 teach a battery pack. Julian et al., U.S. Pat. No. 4,288,504, teach a sealed battery cable termination.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Angela J. Martin whose telephone number is 571-272-

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1288. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Patrick Ryan can be reached on 571-272-1292. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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